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¶1. Post delivered the referenced demarche by Diplomatic Note on June 24, 2008. The Special Adviser on Diplomatic Affairs to the Benin Head of State, Mariam Alhaji Boni Diallo advised Post that President Boni Yayi would lead the Benin delegation to the African Union Summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, June 30 and July 1, 2008. She said that the delegation would include the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, Francophonie, and the Benisese Diaspora, Moussa Okanla; the Minister of Mines, Energy, and Water, Mr. Sacca Lafia; the Benin Ambassador to the African Union, Mr. Edouard Aho-Glele; the Director of African Integration, Mr. Seraphin Lissassi; and herself.

¶2. Ms. Diallo did not give details on the dates of arrival and departure of the delegation in and from Sharm el-Sheikh. However, Minister Okanla's cabinet informed post that Mr. Okanla and Mr. Lissassi are already in Egypt. The point of contact of the delegation is Ambassador Edouard Aho-Glele and his contacts are: land telephone: 011251-113-728-730; and cell phone: 011251-912-121-569.

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